AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A media production system, comprising:

a textual alignment module aligning ~~multiple~~ a plurality of speech recordings [[to]] with a plurality of textual lines of a script based on speech recognition results, wherein each of the plurality of speech recordings is aligned with the script such that line-specific portions of each of the plurality of speech recordings are aligned with one of the plurality of textual lines of the script;

a navigation module responding to user navigation selections ~~respective~~ of at least one of the plurality of the textual lines of the script by communicating to [[the]] a user corresponding, line-specific portions of the ~~multiple~~ plurality of speech recordings; and

an editing module responding to user associations of ~~multiple~~ the plurality of speech recordings with at least one of the plurality of textual lines of the script by accumulating line-specific portions of the ~~multiple~~ plurality of speech recordings in a combination recording based on at least one of relationships of the plurality of textual lines [[in]] of the script to the combination recording, and temporal alignments between the ~~multiple~~ plurality of speech recordings and the combination recording.

2.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a ranking module adapted to tag at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof with ranking data.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ranking module is adapted to recognize tags associated with the <u>plurality of</u> speech recordings and tag at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof accordingly.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein said ranking module is adapted to recognize voice tags based on key phrases.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ranking module is adapted to recognize key phrases within the <u>plurality of</u> speech recordings and tag at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof accordingly.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ranking module is adapted to evaluate pitch of speech within the <u>plurality of</u> speech recordings and tag at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof accordingly.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ranking module is adapted to evaluate speed of speech within the <u>plurality of</u> speech recordings and tag at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof accordingly.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ranking module is adapted to evaluate emotive character of speech within the <u>plurality of</u> speech recordings and tag at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof accordingly.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof based on predetermined ranking criteria and at least one of:

(a) characteristics of at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof; and

(b) ranking data associated with at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, ~~further~~ wherein said navigation module <u>further</u> is adapted to rank at least one of speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof based on <u>an</u> order in which the speech recordings were produced.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof based on quality of pronunciation of speech therein.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of <u>the plurality of</u> speech recordings and <u>line-</u>specific portions thereof based on pitch of speech therein.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on speed of speech therein.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on duration thereof.

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank [[a]] at least one of the line-specific ~~portion~~ portions of [[a]] at least one of the plurality of speech ~~recording~~ recordings based on consistency thereof with at least one adjacent, line-specific portion of at least another one of the plurality of speech ~~recording~~ recordings already assigned to [[a]] one of the plurality of textual ~~line~~ lines of the script that is sequentially adjacent ~~in the script~~ to [[a]] the textual line aligned to the at least one of the line-specific ~~portion~~ portions of the at least one of the plurality of speech ~~recording~~ recordings.

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on ability ~~of thereof~~ to contribute to solutions rendering ~~a combination recording of~~ a target duration of the combination recording ~~and including~~ that comprises a partial accumulation of line-specific portions of the ~~multiple~~ plurality of speech recordings.

17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on ranking tags supplied thereto by speech recording production personnel during a speech recording process.

18.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on emotive character exhibited thereby and a target emotive state recorded with respect to [[a]] one of the plurality of textual ~~line aligned thereto~~ lines.

19.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to rank at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof in accordance with user-specified weights respective of multiple ranking criteria.

20.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said navigation module is adapted to automatically select at least one of the plurality of speech recordings and line-specific portions thereof based on the predetermined ranking criteria.

21.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said navigation module is adapted to play a user-specified portion of [[a]] at least one of the plurality of speech ~~recording~~ recordings in response to a sample request.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said navigation module is adapted to play at least one of a user-specified section of the combination recording and a preview of the user-specified section based on a sequence of line-specific portions of ~~multiple~~ the plurality of speech recordings.

23.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said navigation module is adapted to record final selection of at least one of [[a]] the plurality of speech ~~recording~~ recordings and a line-specific portion thereof with respect to [[a]] one of the plurality of textual ~~line~~ lines.

24.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the combination recording includes at least one voice track of a multiple track audio visual recording, the plurality of speech recordings are produced in a dubbing process, and each of the plurality of speech recording is automatically temporally aligned to the combination recording during the dubbing process.

25.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of textual lines are sequentially related and the combination recording includes at least one audio track having a durational constraint.

26.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the combination recording includes a navigable set of voice prompts.

27.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the combination recording includes a set of training data for at least one of a speech synthesizer and a speech recognizer.